


## 2001 Tennessee Honey

Tennessee honey production was 531,000 pounds during 2001, a decline of 18,000 pounds from the previous year. Nine thousand colonies produced an average of 59 pounds per colony. During 2001, honey producers reported considerable damage and loss due to mites. Honey on hand December 15, 2001, was 147,000 pounds, up 41 percent from the previous year. Producers received an average of \$1.37 per pound during 2001, down 6 cents per pound from 2000.

**Honey: Colonies, Yield, Production, Price, Value, and Stocks, Tennessee, 1991-2001**

Year	 Colonies of Bees	Honey Production Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound	Value of Production	Honey Stocks on Hand for Sale Dec. 15
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
1991	14	38	532	.69	367	106
1992	7	43	301	.74	223	66
1993	8	51	408	.93	379	86
1994	6	51	306	.98	300	107
1995	5	53	265	1.17	310	87
1996	5	64	320	1.54	493	90
1997	7	62	434	1.47	638	148
1998	7	64	448	1.32	591	121
1999	8	51	408	1.30	530	106
2000	9	61	549	1.43	785	104
2001	9	59	531	1.37	727	147

**U.S. Honey Production & Price:** Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since 1989, when 181 million pounds was produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 64.8 million pounds on December 15, 2001, down 24 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. **Honey prices** for the 2001 crop averaged 66.9 cents per pound, up 12 percent from 59.7 cents in 2000. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2001 were higher than the previous year for all marketing channels and all color classes except 'All Other Honey and Area Specialties.'

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